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The warm, dry and sunny weather continues

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High temperatures and sunshine will continue across much of the UK this Bank Holiday Monday and again on Tuesday, before fresher air arrives from the west later in the week.

Temperatures reached 33.3˚C in Heathrow on Sunday (yesterday) setting a new record for the highest temperature recorded over the late August Bank Holiday weekend.

Chief Meteorologist, Steve Willington said: "It'll stay hot and sunny across eastern and southeastern parts over the next few days, with temperatures potentially reaching 34˚C on Tuesday. Elsewhere in the UK it'll be warm but turning cloudier from Tuesday with the chance of some showery rain across western parts.

"The heat could also trigger some thunderstorms and heavy showers across parts of the country on Tuesday."

Several heat health alerts have been issued in partnership with Public Health England.

Discussing how long the warm weather will last, Steve continued: "It'll turn cooler and more unsettled across Northern Ireland and the far west from Wednesday, before this fresher air spreads across the rest of the country by Thursday."

Highest temperature on record for the late August Bank Holiday weekend

Country	Location	Temperature	Date
England	Heathrow, London	31.5˚C	2001
Wales	Velindre, Powys	27.3˚C	2003
Northern Ireland	Knockareven, Co. Fermanagh	27˚C	2003
Scotland (not a bank holiday for all)	Aviemore, Invernesshire	26.7˚C	1984

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Country	Location	Temperature	Date
England	Holbeach, Lincs	28.2˚C	2017
Wales	Crossway, Gwent	26.5˚C	1991
Northern Ireland	Banagher, Co. Derry	23.8˚C	1983
Scotland (not a bank holiday for all)	Kelso (Roxburghshire)	25.6˚C	1984

RAC spokesman Rod Dennis said: “With summer returning in time for the weekend for many of us, it’s going to mean millions of us take to the road for day trips and short breaks. Unfortunately, as the temperature rises so can the chances of a breakdown – so it’s important drivers check over their vehicle before setting out. Tyre pressure and tread, as well as oil and coolant levels, should all be looked at and doing so can really cut the chances of breaking down.

“Hungry, thirsty or tired passengers can also be recipes for in-car irritability – and ‘carguments’ – so pack enough food and water to keep your passengers happy, and plan in enough breaks along the way.”

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